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Officers Cite Bar, Arrest Six Patrons

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (March 30) – A Michigan City bar where police have received more than 100 calls for service in the last year is facing more than a dozen charges after six people were arrested in the bar early this morning.

Reilly's Bar, 1103 Franklin Street, Michigan City, was preliminarily cited on multiple charges. The bar was cited for allowing a minor to loiter, sale of alcohol to a minor, being a public nuisance and failure to maintain a high and fine reputation as a result of information relating to previous incidents.

The bar was also cited for having an unlicensed employee, failing to maintain employee permit records, sale of alcohol to a minor, allowing a minor to loiter, sale of alcohol to an intoxicated patron, being a public nuisance, hindering enforcement of the Alcoholic Beverage Code, misbranding alcoholic beverages and various gaming violations as a result of last night's investigation.

Officers with the Indiana State Excise Police, Michigan City Police Department and La Porte County Sheriff's Office also arrested six people at the bar:

- Dontarius Garrett, 24, of Michigan City, was arrested on warrants in La Porte County and Michigan City and a preliminary charge of resisting arrest.
- Darnell Crawford, 35, also of Michigan City, was arrested on a preliminary charge of false informing after giving officers various names and dates of birth. He also was arrested on a La Porte County warrant.
- Lawrence Thompkins, 41, also of Michigan City, was arrested on a Michigan City warrant.
- Donald Webb II, 33, also of Michigan City, was arrested on preliminary charges of battery on law enforcement and resisting arrest.

Two girls, ages 19 and 20, were also cited on preliminary charges of being a minor in a tavern and illegal consumption of alcohol.

Last night's investigation at Reilly's Bar was an effort by officers with the State Excise Police, MCPD and LCSO to work together to address complaints about the bar, where MCPD has received 134 calls for service in the last year. MCPD's Special Operations Group and Street Crimes Unit also played a key role in this investigation.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

Criminal Charges: All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Administrative Charges: All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless, the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.